

REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the notification of allowable subject matter, i.e., that claims 5-12 are allowed, and claims 20-24 and 28-30 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claims 5-12, 19, 21-27, 29, and 30 are pending in the application. Claims 1-4 and 13-18 have been canceled without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to file divisional application(s) based on claims 1-4 and 13-18.

Independent claim 19 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 20, which is canceled without prejudice. Therefore, independent claim 19 and dependent claims 21-24 should be in condition for allowance.

Independent claim 25 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 28, which is canceled without prejudice. Therefore, independent claim 25 and dependent claims 26, 27, and 29 should be in condition for allowance.

Claim 30 has been rewritten in independent form incorporating the subject matter of independent claim 25. Therefore, independent claim 30 should be in condition for allowance.

It is believed that the claims are in condition for immediate allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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